

***Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of New York***



**Minutes of the
Pre-Convention DEC Meeting
Detachment Convention
Post-Convention DEC Meeting**



**July 13 – 16, 2022
Binghamton, NY**

MINUTES OF THE PRE-CONVENTION D.E.C. MEETING
July 13, 2022
Quality Inn Hotel
Binghamton, New York

- Commander Lee called the Meeting to order at 6:00PM.
- The Colors of our Nation being in place the membership saluted.
- Chaplain Parks offered the Opening Prayer.
- Master Sgt.-at-Arms Falco placed the POW/MIA banner.
- V/C Mills led the membership in The Pledge of Allegiance.
- V/C Guidice led the membership in the Preamble.

- **Adjutant Jarvis** took Roll Call, which indicated a quorum was present.
- **Convention Chairman Denmon** thanked everyone for coming. Please be patient with the hotel staff they are doing the best they can do. The pre and post executive meetings will be held here at the hotel. The Convention Meeting will take place at Post #1645, transportation will be provided. Flags for heroes will held at the Cemetery behind the Hotel at 4PM.
 - **8th District Commander Smith** moved to accept the Mid-Winter Minutes as sent out and posted. **The motion was seconded and carried with corrections.**
 - **Credentials were presented to our guest. National Commander Fox and Leading Candidate for national Commander Carlson.**

1.00 SICK CALL & RELIEF

1.01 None

2.00 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2.01 NONE

3.00 NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDANCE

- 3.01 **Finance Chairman Rowald** went over the proposed budget. He stated that if you have any question see a member of the finance commission. Please read the expense authorization to find what you are entitled too.
- **V/C DeAngelis** move to accept the budget as presented, the motion was seconded and carried.

4.00 FOR THE GOOD OF THE SONS

- 4.01 There was a \$140 donation made to Commander Lee's project Camp Eager from a golf outing.
- 4.02 Chaplain Parks is asking for any names of members who have passed, to be given to him prior to the Squadron everlasting ceremony.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, Chaplain Parks offered the Closing Prayer, Master Sgt.-at-Arms Falco retrieved the POW/MIA banner, and the membership saluted the Colors of our glorious Nation.

- The Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Raymond Jarvis
Adjutant

MINUTES OF THE 48th ANNUAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION
July 14 - 15, 2022
American Legion Post 1645
Binghamton, New York

FIRST SESSION – JULY 14, 2022

- Commander Lee called the Convention to order at 9:00 AM.
- The Colors of our Nation were placed by the Detachment Color Guard and the body saluted.
- Commander Lee recited the POW/MIA Ceremony as the Master Sergeant placed the POW/MIA banner.
- Chaplain Parks offered the Opening Prayer.
- V/C Mills led the body in The Pledge of Allegiance.
V/C DeAngelis led the membership in the Preamble.
- Commander Lee read Resolution NC-03, Corporate Blue Star Banner.
- Adjutant Jarvis read the Call to Convention, Roll Call of Officers, and Roll Call of Counties, which indicated a quorum was present. Present as guests to the Convention was Leading Candidate for Sons of The American Legion National Commander Chris Carlton (IN) and Sons of The American Legion National Commander Michael Fox (CA).
- Broome County moved to accept the printed convention rules; the motion is seconded and carried.
- **Resolution 2022-02 Dedication of the 46th Annual Convention in memory of James Daley.**

WHEREAS; The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of New York is entrusted with promoting all the GREAT Principles Of The American Legion, as well as instilling a true spirit of Americanism in all; and,

WHEREAS; The Sons of The American Legion are proud possessors of a priceless heritage and are male descendants of veterans from all wars and associate ourselves together to uphold and defend the Constitution of The united States of America, to maintain law and order, to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism, to preserve the memories of our former members our forefathers in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation, to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; to adopt in letter and spirit all the great principles of which The American Legion stands and to assist in carrying on for God and country; and

WHEREAS; The principles of Americanism include such characteristics as the love for America, loyalty to her institutions as the best yet devised by man to secure, life, liberty, individual dignity and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS: Americanism instills the individual dignity which ignites the responsibility to serve and protect the institutions, traditions, and ideals of the American people its country and its veterans; and

WHEREAS; Mr. James Daly, lived these ideologies, in serving the Chili Squadron 1830, in many capacities, then served the Seventh District in further capacities including District Commander, his belief in the ideology of America, carried him on to serve on the Detachment level on many committees up to and including Americanism Chairman where his ideas and programs instilled Americanism in all; and

WHEREAS; Mr. James Daly derived his eligibility through his father Alfred A. Daly who served honorably in the U.S. Army during the Korean war 1950 thru 1953; and

WHEREAS; Through his dedication to our communities, state and nation, his untiring efforts, passion and commitment to The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion, Americas veterans, their families and our troops serving throughout the world, The American Legion and The American Legion family has flourished; and therefore, be it

RESOLVED; The delegates and alternates pause in its deliberations to commend and remember the dedication of Mr. James E. Daly Americanism Chairman Emeritus of the Detachment of New York; and be it further,

RESOLVED; The Detachment of New York Sons of The American Legion assembled in the city of Binghamton, County of Broome, State of New York @ American Legion Post #1645 on this 15th day of July, Two Thousand and Twenty Two establish an annual Detachment Americanism award in the name of Mr. James E. Daly, which will be open to any member of The American Legion family, such rules and qualifications shall be set by the annual appointment of the Americanism Commission so appointed by the serving commander.

Monroe County moved to accept the resolution. The resolution is second and carried.

- **Commander Lee has been appointed Tyler Mills as Commander in Training.**

Adjutants Note: After addressing the Convention, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to all DEC members, Special Certificate Plaques were presented to Special Guests, and Commander's Pins were presented to all Guests by Commander Lee.

1.00 REPORTS

1.01 Convention / Binghamton General Chairman Denmon welcomed us to Binghamton Post #1645. All the sons' convention meetings will take place in this Post. Convention bars and Convention raffle tickets are available. The meet the candidate's luncheon will be held Here. The installation luncheon will also be held here at 2PM tomorrow. There are still tickets available. The post-convention meeting will take place in the hotel.

1.02 Americanism Chairman Downer reported; I guess to get some upsetting news out of the way first. Last year there was well over a hundred submissions for the Essay Contest, and this year there was none submitted. The Americanism Committee will have to discuss moving forward with next year's contest. I had only received one new submission for the Cerullo Scholarship by the deadline date. With talking to Department in the middle of June, they were unaware of Jim's passing and had forwarded all applications to his address. This news had come too late as the deadline had passed and the winner had been notified and a check sent to her. The winner is a young lady Riley Meckley of Junior Auxiliary Unit 432 in Port Jefferson Station. Her resume was very impressive including National Junior Member of the Year, Eastern American Legion Auxiliary Junior President, Girls State and Girls Nation Delegate and winning the National Good Deed Award for collecting over 20,000 in coupons for 6 Military bases overseas. Alyna Trautman the 2021 Cerullo Scholarship Winner applied for one of her eligible follow-up grants. At the April 2022 NEC meeting Flying Flags for Heroes was made an Americanism Program. This was the project for National Commander Michael Fox. He met his goal of placing 1 million Flags on graves of our Veterans. It's an honor to have him with us at the convention to place flags our Veterans graves.

Clinton County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.03 Children & Youth Chairman Clancey Reported; Covid has affected everyone, but kids the most. The Children and Youth Committee will pick up where it let off along with some new things. Billboard signs on the side of the roads, Raising money for the Child Welfare Foundation. We are trying to get a fund raiser going with American Legion Baseball that will benefit the Children and Veterans Fund.

Bronx County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.04 Finance Chairman Rowald Reported; that the finance committee has met and has gone over a budget proposal. He read the proposed budget and answered questions. He stated that there will be Finance packets available for the newly elected Officers.

Steuben County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- **Steuben County moved to donate \$2500.00 to the Children Welfare Fund and \$2500.00 to Camp Eager out of the restricted account.**

The motion is seconded and carried.

1.05 Internal Affairs Chiarmen Williamson ask for the Membership and MTD report.

Membership Chairman Verstreate reported; We made 60,70,80 and barely missed 90 and 100%. I believe we can make 100% before convention if members can go back to their county and district and push turning in those last transmittals. I was asked to try and come up with a name for co-chair this year and as far as I know no name has been presented. If you would be interested in being Co-Chair and have some experience with Microsoft Excel, please let myself know and the incoming Commander with Adjutant.

We have had 2,884 new members and 25,932 regular members turned in this year. For a total of 28,816 with a goal of 29,246 = 98.52% leaving us short 430 members.

Goals for 2022-2023

Sept 14th – 10%

October 13th – 25%

November 9th – 35%

December 14th – 45%

January 19th – 60%

February 15th – 75%

March 15th – 80%

April 19th – 90%

May 17th – 100%

Delegate strength – 105% July 26th

Detachment workshops this year will be as follows

1&9 Dist. TBA

Dist. 7&8 Sat. Aug. 6, 2022

Botts Fiorito Post 576

53 W. Main St

Leroy, N.Y. 14482

Registration 9:00- 10:00am

Workshop 10:00am

Contact: John Miga

Dist. 5&6 Sun Aug 7, 2022

Arthur Butler Post 359

135 W. Manlius St.

E. Syracuse, N.Y. 13057

Registration 8:00am-9:00am

Workshop 9:00am

Contact: Robert Gardner

Dist. 3&4 Sat. Aug. 13, 2022

Joseph E. Zaloga Post 1520

4 Everett rd.

Albany, N.Y. 12205

Registration 9:00- 10:00am

Workshop 10:00am

Contact: Joe Patnode
Dist. 2&10 Sat. Aug. 20, 2022
Rockville Centre Post 303
197 Maple Ave.
Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11750
Registration: 8:00- 9:00am
Workshop: 9:00am
Contact: Robert Robresch
Detachment ending numbers as of 7/12/22

District 2 – 75.03%

District 1 – 91.48%

District 10 – 92.90%

District 9 – 95.34%

District 6 – 98.39%

District 4 - 99.41%

District 7 – 99.47%

District 3 – 99.66%

District 8 – 100.26%

District 5 – 100.55% - District Commander in First Place for Membership Challenge Shirt.

MT&D Chairman Espy reported; At our Spring D.E.C. meeting it was discussed about adding an Adjutant Class. I am pleased to inform you, that this class will be available for Mid-Winter Conference. This class will be 20 guys and last roughly 1 hour. (2 guys from each District) Attendees will receive our \$85 per diem for one day. This will be held Friday night after the Commander's Rally. Leadership Workshop will also take place on Friday night after the Commander's Rally. Again 2 guys from each District and attendees will receive on day per diem. District Commanders and Detachment Vice Commanders (2022-2023), I need names from your Districts to take these classes. Last year before Mid-Winter was cancelled, I did not have guys from half of the Districts. Leadership is for future leaders of your District, or Counties within your District. Adjutant class, being the first year, should be sitting adjutants at any level. The Advisor Seminar will be Friday night at the Desmond. As we get closer to Mid-Winter January 20-23, 2023, @ the Marriot I will be speaking to Commission Chairmen about what our breakout sessions on Saturday will be. I should have this information for our Fall D.E.C. meeting.

Internal Affairs Chiarmen Williams read Resolution 2022-01 James Daley Americanism Award.

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Onondaga County moved to accept the report minus the resolution, it is seconded and carried.

- **1.06 Monroe County moved to accept resolution 2202 -02 which was seconded and carried. PR Chairman Guidice reported;** At our Spring DEC meeting we had a very productive session to discuss some tools to help our squadrons get a better handle on the reporting and to encourage members to subscribe to our website. We are also working on a PowerPoint to help squadrons learn to develop and use social media tools to raise their digital profile and help them communicate better with their memberships and their communities. There are copies of our info sheet available now and we are hoping to be able to publish these items on our website as well as the PowerPoint when it is completed. Copies of our Detachment newsletter, The Liberty, are available for your enjoyment. As much as I enjoy like the digital version, I really do enjoy seeing it in actual print. Again, and to belabor an already well-made point, please, get your articles submitted as early as you possibly can. It takes time to compile and edit our publication and prior to the Mid-Winter and Convention issues we need even more time to have printed editions prepared prior to the meetings. I once again call upon ALL members of the DEC, and ALL committee and commission chairs to submit at least one article per year. Your contribution, along with submissions from the members-at-large would make the task of assembling and publishing YOUR newsletter a much easier undertaking. Our social media page continues to flourish, and our website also continues to grow and run smoothly thanks to our webmaster Gabe Cinquegrana. I urge you all to go ahead and subscribe your members to our website. We don't share or sell anyone's info online or otherwise and your members will benefit from the information and updates that reach them. Start a Facebook page for you squadron and get your members to follow and like it and share your events and posts with their friends. Myself and our PR Commission members are willing to help guide you through the process should you need some assistance. Social media is a very powerful tool for promoting our

organization at all levels and this free resource is something you should take advantage of wherever possible. In closing I'd like to again stress how much I appreciate of our members that continue to do a great job promoting the great work that our Sons members do across the Detachment and the support they give our Public Relations Commission by sharing their successes with us.

Rockland County moved to accept the report, it is seconded and carried.

1.07 3rd District Commander Aguado reported; This past year has definitely been a great learning experience for myself, and I feel more acclimated to our Detachment operations. With that said, I look forward to getting out and introducing myself to my squadrons I have yet to visit and creating a stronger presence at our District meetings. As of June 26th, Membership for the 3rd District sits at 99.6% of our 100% goal. Out of our 23 Squadrons, I'd like to thank the 13 which reported 100% or more of their goal. Albany County held their annual Walk-A-Thon on April 30th, and they were able to raise \$4,600. What a great accomplishment for our Albany County Squadrons. I would like to report a few Squadrons who have also done a great job with their fundraising efforts; To start, Voorheesville Post Squadron 1493 held a Polish Dinner and raised \$604, and a Sunday Breakfast which raised \$250. Cohoes Post Squadron 476 held a 65" Smart TV Raffle Fundraiser on March 19th, and a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner Fundraiser on April 30th. Zaloga Post Squadron 1520 held their annual fundraiser to benefit the Veterans Miracle Center. Their efforts amounted to \$5,380, in which they presented the donation to the VMC Director.

Albany County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.08 The 4th District Commander Downer The Fabulous 4th District held their annual Spring Conference in Lake Placid on June 3rd through June 4th. We were honored to have Detachment Commander David Lee join us for the weekend. On Saturday June 4th the District Elections were held for 2022-2023 year. The Fabulous 4th District Officers are as follows: Matt Aldi – Commander, Dan Lancette – 1st Vice, Jim Brown – 2nd Vice, Riley Downer – 3rd Vice, Gaither Espey – Adjutant, Peter Geleta - Finance Officer, Brian McKim – Chaplain, Steve Geleta – Historian, Emil Kylmkown- Sgt-at-Arms, and Dave Downey – Judge Advocate. As we end over 30 years tradition of holding our Annual Spring Conference in Lake Placid. We would like to give our appreciation to Lake Placid American Legion Post 326 for their hospitality of using their meeting room for our District Meetings. The Fabulous 4th District SAL bought a golf sign for \$25 for the Department Golf Tournament. Hudson Falls Squadron 574 has reported raising \$15,000 for the Walk-A-Thon and over \$9,000 a 3-year-old fighting cancer. Whitehall Squadron 83 reported they held their first Walk-A-Thon and raised \$2000. Multiple Squadrons donate money and time for Wreaths Across America at Saratoga National Cemetery. Saratoga National Cemetery is second in the nation for wreath placements. As my final act as the Fabulous 4th District Commander, I want to thank the District Members who voted me into office 3 years ago. I was an honored that you had the confidence in me to represent you.

Clinton County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.09 5th District Commander Mills reported; I'd like to start off by saying that the membership in the 5th District was at 100.23% for the 2021-2022 year making the 5th District #1 within the Detachment just ahead of the 7th District. I'd also like to note that 4 of the 6 counties achieved and surpassed the 100% status for the year while our other 2 counties did very well by getting over 91% and 97% respectively. In April I attended National Commander Paul Dillard's visitation dinner hosted by Jefferson County and 5th District Legion Commander Dave Geresh in Watertown, NY. The event was well represented by the Blue Caps as I would say more the 50% were in attendance. Commander Dillard was an exquisite speaker as his message was to look out for one another in areas of our family. I also attended the 5th District Spring Conference of the

Auxiliary by the invitation of President Pat Murphy; held at Adirondack Post 1118 in Cold Brook, NY. The Auxiliary presented several outstanding reports as well wide array of poppy displays from their poppy contest. In May we held our final district meeting at James Harvey Spire Post #787 in Cicero, NY where elections were held. I was privileged to be re-elected as commander for the 2022-2023 year. I participated in several events held throughout the area from Family Fun Days at several Posts to marching in several local parades for Memorial Day. I also participated with several squadrons in National Commander Michael Fox's project of Flying Flags for Hero's. In closing I would like to say it has been a great year overcoming all the obstacles that has been presented to us. We should all hold our heads high and be proud of what has been accomplished during some trying times. We are #SALSTRONG and we'll continue to prosper as we work towards the goals of this great organization.

Oswego County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.10 6th District Acting Commander Quik read the 6th District Report;** Membership for sixth district as of June 26'2022 finished at 98.36 %. There were a few squadrons within our district that surpassed 100 % with Broome County at 101.98 % Delaware County at 103.49 % and Schuyler County at 107.65 %. There were also Six counties that hit above the 90 % mark. Unfortunately, there were a couple Squadrons hovering around the 50 % mark. I have contacted the Post and Squadron commanders and our trying to get these numbers to improve by the next report. I am happy to report that attendance at our district meetings throughout the year have been good. The number of attendees has been increasing We have many dual members that attend our district meetings, and we value their input and suggestions. Squadrons in the sixth district have been out in the communities' hosting barbecues, Fish dinners, selling military tribute banners for Memorial Day Squadron 169 in Madison County held a service on 4/19 for the 33rd anniversary of the bombing of the USS Iowa in 1989, With COVID restrictions visitations and volunteering at the Veterans home in Oxford has been on hold, this is now just recently staring again. Many squadrons are involved in their communities and promote the Sons of The American Legion. During of our district meetings throughout the year I stress that we are here to support our veterans in any way that we can as small as it may be. It is because of them that we are here. In conclusion I want to say that it has been an honor and a privilege to have Detachment Commander David Lee as a member of our 6th district.

Otsego County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.11 Credentials Chairman Anderson gave his preliminary report;** There are 65 delegates currently registration.
- 1.12 7th District Commander Kirkwood** reported; My first year as District Commander is coming to an end. The year went fast and had many challenges related to COVID-19. The District met the challenges head on and did the best to support the American Legion programs. The Walk-A-Thon was supported by many counties. Ontario County really stood out as a very large supporter in hours and monetary donations. Fundraisers were held throughout the District in support of the Walk-A-Thon. Our annual children's bowling tournament had to be cancelled again this year. This event is a good opportunity to bring the junior members together. We hope to host the event next year. The Quentin B Smith Scholarship was awarded to Lauren McCay of Victor High School. Lauren is a remarkable recipient and is very involved in the support of our veterans and the flag. Lauren was presented a \$500 scholarship at the District convention. The District flag education & retirement ceremony was held June 18th at the Meyers-Ingraham Post 428 in Ontario. This year's ceremony was well attended by the 7th District members, ALA President McDaniels, Post leadership, the local Boy Scouts, school chorus, and community members. The Super 7th district finished at 98.64% with 4,803 paid memberships, 66 members short of the goal. This put us in 2nd place in the Detachment.

I would like to thank all the squads for a great job this year. I have enjoyed my time as Commander and am very proud of the District officers, County commanders and all the 7th district members. I look forward to working with everyone next year as we continue to support all the American Legion programs.

Livingston County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.13 8th District Commander Smith** reported; Last 8th District meeting brought together a slate of officers for 2022-2023. Vice commander Dennis Bouquin led the Nominating Committee and has successfully filled our slate of officers for consideration and election was successful. The Walk-A-Thon raised \$2,315.00 from Chautauqua County. This year we raised the largest amount statewide ever for our Veterans over \$60,000. Renewing our commitment with the American Legion Auxiliary has paid off in a big way. Gabe's presentation for the Auxiliary around Mid-winter helped a lot. A close relationship is helpful. I have been asked by the Auxiliary leading Candidate for 2022-2023 President to speak at her installation ceremony on July 16th, 2022, at Binghamton, at 10:00. I proudly and graciously accepted this opportunity and so I will be missing part of our meeting that morning, and Commander Lee has excused me for this important event. Memorial Day Services shinned all over our District with every Post, Unit, and Squadron participating in their local communities. I took part in 2 parades and 10 separate ceremonies to honor our fallen heroes. Wreaths Across America and National Commander Michael Fox's Flying Flags for Hero's Campaign highlighted this year's efforts in the Mighty 8th District. Membership efforts this year has been a welcome success with the Mighty 8th District leading the Detachment in the last scheduled count. I stand proud of the work our members have done in recruiting and retaining members. Our efforts are needed to continue to achieve even more success as we go forward. Space Force is an ongoing project, by order of Commander Lee. I have secured an Air Force cap with no lettering and the Space Force insignia was acquired with help from Tim with the connection to Vanguard, a military badge supplier. The candle is being produced by our Chautauqua County Commander who has his wife supplying it. Thank you, Commander Lee, for attending to this vital effort. I will be contacting our Detachment Chaplain James Parks with an update for the Chaplain Service addition. Visiting and counseling with County and 8th District Squadrons has been valuable for membership and coordination of projects and events. I expect to continue to proceed in this way as I have been elected to another term as 8th District Commander for the 2022-2023 year. Making the lives of Veterans and their families better, should always be our focus. Volunteering is paramount in this effort. Attend as many events as you can and continue to work for God and Country.

Chautauqua County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.14 9th District Commander Jacobs Reported;** Membership numbers in the 9th District are very good, with the 9th District at over 95% at this time. Most of our squadrons are over 90% with few exceptions, and many are at or above 100%. In May we had our District annual meeting, and our current officers were all re-elected for another term. Additionally, we have a new chaplain who is from one of our newest squadrons and currently serves as their squadron commander in addition to taking on a position in the 9th District. All our squadrons have been busy getting back to our normal pre-pandemic routines and activities, doing fundraising, and doing our usual great work with our veterans and children in their communities and they have also been doing a great job getting the word out through social media. My own home squadron alone placed over 1800 flags at our local cemeteries for Memorial Day and were registered with National Commander Fox's "Flying Flags for Heroes" program. The 9th District actively encouraged our squadrons to sign up for this program in advance of their normal Memorial Day activities. Across the state our squadrons help each year to decorate the graves of our veterans for Memorial Day, why not sign up for the program and be

counted? Many of our 9th District squadrons also participated in the “Walk a Thon Boots” program and few came up with a great idea where they had a guest bartender or bartenders with all of the tips donated to the Walk A Thon, in addition to selling many more “Boots” on the day of the event. I’d also like to congratulate Squadron 1682 of New City in Rockland County. They recently donated \$4,500.00 to Rockland County Homes for Heroes to help eliminate veteran homelessness in the lower Hudson Valley. There are currently 8 units with residents and plans for many more to be built. Great job by 1682.

Rockland County move to accept the report, it is seconded and carried.

- 1.15** **Chaplain Parks Reported;** that he has sent out 3 get well cards, 6 sympathy cards, and 3 flower arrangements. Please let me know of any members that have past for the Squadron Everlasting Service tomorrow.

Wayne County moved to accept the report, it is seconded and carried.

- 1.16** **V/C Guidice** reported; Since our last meeting, membership numbers in both the 1st and 9th districts have continued to rally and both districts are in great shape with several squadron also showing increases in new members as well. I believe that the uptick in new members is due to the outreach efforts by all these squadrons. For example, Squadron 156 in Bronx County has started a music program for kids in their area that has directly led to new members joining as Sons and as Legionnaires. These kinds of programs, especially ones that focus on Children and Youth, are key to getting younger veterans and their families into the Legion Family. A great job by Squadron 156. In the 9th District I’m seeing more and more social media engagement by our squadrons. Posts about events they are part of, and events at their posts are fueling interest in the organization. The future is here. This is the wave of the present. I’d like to congratulate 9th District Commander Mike Jacobs on his re-election, and I’d like to welcome a new district officer, Chaplain Carlo Albanese of the newly chartered squadron 1038 in Valhalla, Westchester County. It is vitally important that we continue to educate our newest members and squadrons about the bigger organization that we belong to. This is how we keep our Detachment strong and growing. On a personal note, I was again asked by the Rockland County American Legion to chair this year’s Law and Order Recognition Night. Rockland County honored 31 law enforcement officers and dispatchers for their heroic acts this year at an awards dinner held at Post 859 in Rockland County. I was truly honored to chair this American Legion event and as a past recipient of this award, to stand alongside the honorees. Also, on June 11th, my home Squadron 130 held our Annual Clambake and BBQ fundraiser. It was truly wonderful to have our leading candidate Tim Van Patten III, his father Past Department Commander Tim Van Patten, Past Department Commander Gary Schacher, and Past Detachment Commander John Chang and his wife Priscilla, Vice Commander Pete DeAngelis and his wife Liette and many others from around the detachment with us for the day as guests for what was a truly memorable day. On behalf of my squadron and Post 130 we thank you for spending your day with us.

Rockland County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.17** **V/C DeAngelis** reported: Membership is doing good. We need to work on removing the zeros in the 2nd and 10th District. Suffolk County has done a great job in raising funds for the walk-a-thon. There will be a pig roast for Kings County in August.

Kings County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.18** **V/C Mills** reported: Since the Spring DEC Meeting, I’ve been keeping myself busy being a dual member. On April 6th, I attended The National Commander’s Visitation for the 5th District. Nice tour of Fort Drum and Jefferson County did a nice job on the dinner many SAL in attendance! On April 9th, I attended the 5th District Auxiliary Spring Conference. On April 30th, we welcomed home all the Veterans from the Mission #16 Honor Flight Syracuse. May 1st, I attended the 5th District meeting/elections at Cicero Post #268. On

May 15th, I attended the Past 5th District Commander & President's Dinner at Central Square Post #915. I've attended all squad and post meetings and all Oswego County SAL Meeting/Elections. It was nice to see my Brother from the 6th District again! With the pandemic, All the 6th District Visitations were cancelled. I'm really hoping to have another year and make the visitations with them. In the Fifth District, the final membership report has 5th District at 100.23%. There are Forty-one squadrons at 100% or better. In the 6th District, the final membership report has 6th District at 98.36%. Twenty-Four squadrons at 100% or better. I am very proud of both Districts, on their membership and accomplishments this year! I am honored to have been able to have been able to represent both Districts. I am very proud to work with 5th District Commander Rich Abel & 6th District SAL Commander Ed Hooke and look forward to another year.

Oswego County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.19 V/C Kane** reported; 3/4/2022 Attended the Squadron Meeting in Cassadaga, Post #1280. 3/13/2022 Attended the 7th District meeting in Port Byron, Post \$257. 4/24/2022 Attended the 7th District meeting at Francis M. Dalton Post #262. 5/23&24/2022 Participated in the placement for flags in the cemeteries in Wellsville. 5/24/2022 Worked on cleaning up some of the neglected grave sites of local Veterans. 5/30/2022 Participated in the Memorial Day Remembrance services in Wellsville. 7/9/2022 Attended the installation of Legion and Sons officers in Belmont, Post #808. Participated in Honor Guard services of 14 Veterans between April and July. In Closing, I would like to Commend Commander Lee on his job leading our great Detachment over the past year.

Allegheny County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- **Commander Lee recessed the meeting till 1:00PM**
- **Commander Lee reconvened the meeting at 1:00PM**
- Judge Advocate Downey presented Commander Lee with a New York State shaped plaque with a Buffalo Bills emblem on it.
- Past Detachment Vice-Commander Ainslee presented National Commander Fox a check \$1200.00 for his project and Commander Lee a check for \$200.00 for Camp Egar
- Squadron #616 presented past Commander George, Commander Lee, and National Commander Fox a special Baseball bat from Cooperstown
- The 6th District presented Commander Lee with a check for \$400 for Camp Egar
- The Committee to Elect David Lee Commander presented a check for \$2000.00 to Camp Egar
- Squadron #1520 presented a check to Commander Lee for \$100.00 to CWF, and \$100.00 to Camp Egar
- Squadron #974 presented Commander Lee with check for \$200.00 for Camp Egar
- Delaware County American Legion presented Commander Lee with a check for \$200.00 for Camp Egar.

- 1.20 V.A. & R. Commission Chairman Coates reported;** This is a great opportunity to communicate directly with the membership of the Detachment of NY and here is our report on the major components of the Detachment of New York Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission program for the year. 1st is not coming in until tomorrow and cannot update you himself on the NY American Legion Family did with the Walk-A-Thon this year. The best I can do is put it in Gabe's words and read his report to you. "The results are now final, and the proceeds for the Walk-A-Thon for 2022 are \$61,608.00. A truly amazing feat, blowing our old record away from last year of \$35,777. I, for one am sincerely humbled by these results. Thank you to the American Legion Auxiliary for again supporting this program, and to my fellow Sons for showing

your true colors. Thank you all again, Gabe Cinquegrana, Sons of The American Legion, Detachment VA&R Commission National Sal VAVS Representative and Certifying Officer." Madame President and Madame Secretary, Gabe has asked for a check to be processed, payable to The American Legion Auxiliary. It our pleasure to present this check to you in the amount of \$30,804. 2nd) Veterans Appreciation Day - This year it has been a National VA&R Commission priority to be a major force in encouraging participation in Veteran's Appreciation Day designated as May 2022. As Sons of The American Legion, we can all spread the word that if there is a Veteran in our community in need of some assistance with yard work, simple repairs or maintenance, painting, etc., we can rally the troops to help them out. Veterans Appreciation Day is officially May 21st but this date is symbolic in the same manner as the Walk-A-Thon and our efforts to help out our veterans can and should take place throughout the year. We encourage all squadrons to start a sign-up sheet at your Post and get the word out to our Legionnaires and other veterans in our communities to list those jobs that our veterans could use some help with, get a team together and schedule the day and time. Or organize a Cook-Out or take them to a ball game. I know that many squadrons already do this whenever the opportunity presents itself. Let's make everyday Veterans Appreciation Day! 3rd) VA&R Individual Promotion and Awards – Current National and Detachment Awards that we are encouraging people to nominate others for are: The National Charles Rigsby VA Volunteer of The Year Award: Detachments should choose one applicant to be forwarded to National where the national winner will be selected. The National Marvin P. Nay Veterans Employment and Education Outstanding Contributor Award, also selected at National. The Detachment of New York Joseph L. Santa Croce Service to Veterans Award, and the Detachment of New York Member of The Year Award. Information about all of these awards can be found at www.sonsdny.org. *Please, recognize people you know who stand out by nominating them for one of these awards. Become a VA Representative or Deputy Representative or simply a VA Volunteer It wasn't long ago that New York had 7 official Representatives and Deputy Representatives serving in our VA Facilities. Today we have 5 (with another one in the registration process) covering six of our 13 Facilities in NY. We need to find Representatives for the other 6. There are two documents now available on www.sonsdny.org/programs/VA&R. First is a NY VA Location Guide that lists the thirteen VA Facilities or Systems we are trying to cover. This guide gives the VA facility location, the district the facility is in, the District Commander, the Vice Commander for that District and the name and contact information for the VA Program Manager for that Facility or Facilities as the case may be. Second is a VAVS Representative and Deputy Handbook which outlines how to become a Representative or Deputy Representative followed by instructions and a Representative Certification Form. These documents can be found by clicking on Programs from the Website Home Page and then under Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. Volunteers from the Detachment of New York Sons of The American Legion are needed to fill these positions at many of our local VA Medical Centers. And we need the help of our entire organization. This is a long-term effort, and the first step is identifying people in the areas of these VA facilities that are interested in getting involved. * If you are interested in getting more involved with volunteering at a VA near you, contact your area District Commander or The top squadrons in the 149 members and under category are 3d place – Leo Laders Squadron 130 (9th), 2nd place – Onieda Squadron 169 (6th) and 1st place - Richfield Springs Squadron 616 (6th). The top squadrons in the 150 members and over category are 3d place – Lowville Memorial Squadron 162 (5th), 2nd place - Turner Shrader Squadron #34 (7th), and 1st place – Seely B. Parrish Squadron 457 (7th).

Livingston County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.21 Historian Van Patten II reported;** I was able to attend the Spring NEC meetings in Indy where I was able to graduate from NMI 3. Attended the Department AL Family Homecoming. Attended a 9th District Meeting. Went to the Leo Laders Squadron clam bake in Rockland County. Attended the 6th District Convention. Participated in the 8th District Golf Tournament. Attended 8th District Convention with visitation from Commanders LaMarsh and Lee. Participated in the 6th District Golf Tournament Attended the 6th District Visitation. The History book is available for viewing, there are a few edits to be made before National Convention. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Historian these past few years.
- Erie County moved to accept the report, it is seconded and carried.**
- 1.22 A.N.E.C. George reported;** Using Voter Voice: Contacted Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Senator Kristen Gillibrand regarding “Take Action to Support Veterans Exposed to Toxic Hazards” on 4/19/22 and on 5/20/22. Attended Spring NEC meeting in Indianapolis on April 29 – May 1, 2022. Attended the initial Century Committee (CentCom) open session for ideas for the Committee going forward. I also completed NMI 2. I joined Commander Fox and other NEC members posting flags at a local cemetery in Indianapolis. Attended The Eastern Regional Unofficial Gathering on 5/20-5/21/22, in Brunswick, ME. Training included Updates on the changes to our National Organization, which include increasing communication with the members, changes in how National Officers and Commission/Committee Chairs are selected, and the importance of submitting The Squadron Data Form (SDR) and the Consolidated Squadron Reports (CSR). PNC Clifford Smith has a CSR fillable form that will compute the top 3 award winners in each category. The Sons of The American Legion organization has been given the opportunity to operate as a separate entity. The organization will mirror the American Legion operations. Caucus & In Person Conference Call: Legislative: Sign Up for Voter Voice, S.A.L. University will replace NMI 1,2,3 after the series is complete. It will probably operate on a Wednesday - Friday during NEC. Leading Candidate for National Commander Chris Carlton, from the Detachment of Indiana, was introduced and spoke briefly about his platform. Leading Candidate for Eastern Region Vice Commander Ernie LaBerge was introduced and spoke briefly about the honor of representing the Sons in the East. Applications are being accepted for the Charles B. Rigsby Award. Reminder to log in and record flag posting on the Flying Flags for Heroes website: www.flyingflagsforheroes.com I addressed CentCom and being appointed by Commander Lee to find a candidate for the East. The selection was made, and a Son from the Detachment of Massachusetts was selected. Memorial Day (5/30/22): I was Guest Speaker and Master of Ceremonies at the Stanwix Veterans & Men’s Club, then participated as Chaplain in 3 ceremonies with the Oriskany American Legion 1448 family. Reported posting 300 flags for Memorial Day to #flyingflagsforheroes. Also, posted 3 flags at Veteran’s graves who did not have flags.
- Onieda County moved to accept the report, it is seconded and carried.**
- 1.23 NEC Ruthven reported;** In a review of the 2021 – 2022 year, we saw our organization return to some sort of normalcy. We held our 2021 convention and elections, the Fall and Spring NEC meetings, a modified Washington Conference, and a Spring DEC Meeting. Sadly, we missed out on a Fall DEC meeting, the Mid-Winter Conference, and many county visitations. Thank you to ANEC, Dennis George for attending National Vice Commander, Dickey Huntly’s Eastern Regional Gathering in my absence. We saw the return of a strong membership, thank you to our Membership Committee and our Blue Cappers for a job well done. We are very close to our 100% goal with 28,813, just 433 members short. New York’s leadership at the national level is very strong. I submitted the names of four members for a commission appointment; William Clancy III - National Internal Affairs Commission; James Coates - National VE & E Commission; Gabriel Cinquegrana - National VA & R Commission; David Lee - National Legislative Commission

and three members for national officer appointments; Robert J Avery - National Assistant Adjutant; Joseph Paviglianti - National Judge Advocate; and Gregory A Falco - National Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. The Detachment of New York had four members enrolled at the National MNI training; Gather Espy and Peter DeAngelis attended MNI 1; Dennis George attended MNI 2, and congratulations to Tim Van Patten II who graduated from MNI 3. The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation set another milestone this year surpassing the 9-million-dollar mark. A quote from Mark Nave, National SAL CWF Committee Chairman "Yeah, we're fine at nine but now it's time to reach the perfect 10". National SAL Commander Mike Fox's project Flying Flags for Heros as of July 11, 2022, not only surpassed his goal of the 1 million Flags, as of July 11, 2022, but reached 1,467,449 flags placed and reported to honor our veterans. If you or your American Legion Family placed flags on veteran graves this past year, be sure to register them on the website "flying flags for heroes.com". This will become a national annual project next year. I would like to congratulate National Commander, Mike Fox on a great year leading the Sons of The American Legion. What a terrific job you and your committee did on your homecoming, thank you for the hospitality. We wish you well as you close out your year.

Ontario County moved to accept the report, it is seconded and carried.

- 1.24 NEC Ruthven introduced the National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion Michael Fox.** It has been a rough couple of years. We have had to overcome a lot of things. Yet we continue to move forward. We were formed to assist and carry on for our Veterans. We continue to strive to increase membership. My project is Flying Flags For Heros. I hear that we will be placing some Flags later, and I look forward to it.

- 1.25 Addendum to the Internal Affairs report. Charman Williamson read resolution 2022 - 03 Support of William Clancey III for National Commander of The Sons of The American Legion.**

Whereas; William Clancey III is a member in good standing of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of New York; and

Whereas; William Clancey III derives his eligibility for the Sons of The American Legion through his deceased father, William Clancey II, who honorably served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War era and his deceased paternal grandfather William Clancy who served honorably in the United States Navy during World war II and

Whereas; William Clancey III attended Department of New York Legion Collage in July of 2016 and

Whereas; William Clancey III has further demonstrated his commitment to the Sons of The American Legion by serving the Detachment of New York as Vice-Commander (2011-2015), Detachment Commander (2017-2018), Detachment of New York Children & Youth Commission Chaiman (2020-2022), and National Internal Affairs Commission (2021-2022) now therefore be it

Resolved, by the American Legion, Bronx County, Department of New York at a regularly convened meeting of the Bronx County American Legion, Department of New York, on the 12th day of July in the year two thousand twenty-two, Bronx County American Legion, Department of New York endorses and unequivocally supports William Clancey III for the high office of National Commander of The Sons of The American Legion; and be it further

Resolved; that upon the adoption of this Resolution the Adjutant of the Detachment of New York , shall take all steps necessary to obtain the required approval from the Department of New York for submission of this resolution to the National Organization of the Sons American Legion; and be further

Resolved; that Adjutant of the Detachment of New York shall file this Resolution and the approval of the Department of New York with National Organization of the Sons of The

American Legion at such time as to comply with all the rules regarding timing of Resolutions of the Nature; now therefore be it
Finally Resolved; that the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of New York, assembled at the 48th Annual Convention in Binghamton, New York, by duly conducted vote which concluded on this 14th day of July 2033, do herby endorse William Clancy III for the high office of National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion.
Onondaga moved to accept the Resolution. it is seconded and carried.

SECOND SESSION – JULY 15, 2022

- Commander Lee called the Convention to order at 9:00 AM.
 - The Colors being in place, the membership saluted.
 - Adjutant Jarvis read Roll Call of Officers, and Roll Call of Counties, which indicated a quorum, was present.
 - **Commander Lee excused the members on the dais for the duration of the Annual Memorial Service.**
 - **Chaplain Parks** conducted the Annual Memorial Service, a ceremonial parade of service caps, placement of the Memorial Wreath, and the playing of taps. The Adjutant read the names of our (40) deceased members.
 - **Broome County moved to close the Registration table which was seconded and carried.**
- 1.26 Consultant Robert Neville reported;** 25 years ago, I became your consultant. It has been interesting to say the least. The pandemic has hit our programs hard. We need your help rebuilding our programs such as Scouting, Baseball, Veterans Suicide, VA Hospital care, and Boys State. We need help with staffing and recruiting. I am challenging you to have one counselor for each district. Consultant Neville introduced our Advisor Carl Griffith. Advisor Griffith stated that are doing a great job and thanked us for all we do to assist the American Legion.
- 1.27 Auxiliary 1st Vice President Babis;** spoke on behalf of Auxiliary President Farley. She thanked us for the work we on the Walk-A-Thon and all the other programs we work on.
- 1.28 American Legion Riders Director “Cowboy” Morris stated** That he is a dual member and has been the director for two years. If have need help stating a rider’s chapter and have questions I am here to help.
- 1.29 Master Sgt.-at-Arms Falco** reported; that there have not been many fines collected as everyone is following the rules. He thanked the members of the detachment for allowing him and his assistants to do their job with relative ease. He made a \$20.00 donation Commander Lee’s project Camp Eger.
Nassau County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.
- 1.30 Adjutant Jarvis** reported; As the American Legion conducts it regional membership seminars, we are also allowed to attend. National Is waiting on the card stock to make the membership cards, they should be out in 4 to 6 weeks, Remember to fill out your Squadron Data Report form and the Officer Certification form. National Convention will be held August 26th thru the 28th. There will be 31 Sons members attending the 50th Anniversary Dinner at Convention. Always be ready to give a report of what is going in your area. Detachment Vice – Commanders and District Commanders should be pushing Membership, Squadron Data Forms, Officer Certification Forms, and The Consolidated Report Form whenever they are at a visitation or speaking anywhere.
Jeferson County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.
- 1.31 Commander Lee** gave his final report. Chaplain parks thank you for the Memorial service. We did not get to travel to much this year. We did travel to the 9th District and

some District Meetings. We need to go back and remind every officer of there responsibility to do the job you have been elected to do. To all the future leaders please be available to all the members and talk to them. We need to start talking about dues increase.

Broome County move to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.32 Credentials Chairman Anderson gave the final credentials report which indicated 77 registered delegates.

Broom County moved accept the final credentials report which was seconded and carried.

1.33 Commanders Advisory Chairmen George reported that Commander Dave has served his term with pride and professionalism. He has endured the cancelations and other hiccups during his term, and has had 2 successful DEC meetings, at West Point and In Binghamton. Commander Dave also represented the Detachment at Boys State in July. Commander Dave has never hesitated to ask for advice and has kept the Detachment moving forward. He has done a great job. We are proud of how he has represented our Detachment.

2.00 SICK CALL & RELIEF

None

3.00 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.01 Squadron #607 donated \$100.00 to Camp Eger.

3.02 Kings County Sons of The American Legion donated \$500.00 to Camp Eger.

3.03 \$436.00 has been donated to Camp Eger by passing the hat at the meeting.

3.04 Assistant Sgt. At Armes McDaniels donated \$100.00 to Camp Eger.

3.05 Judge Advocate Downey donated \$100.00 to Camp Eger.

3.06 Ross Polson donated \$100.00 to camp Eger.

3.07 NEC Ruthven introduced Leading Candidate for National Commander of The Sons of The American Legion Chris Carlton. He stated that you are the empire state because of your donations of your time and money. Please remember to continue to report what you are doing. He explained how he became a member. He has stayed involved of passion and purpose. Don't forget to be the one. Thank you for your invitation, I look forward to hearing more about what you are doing.

3.08 The Sons of the American legion are lucky to be a part of the National Advisory Committee of the V.A. Bruce Ruthven and James Coates are red coat ambassadors. There has been a recommendation to the V.A. to help the care givers. We need representatives Deputies in all the V.A. hospitals. We are down to 27 Nationally. If we lose a couple more, we will lose our seat as at Advisory Committee.

- **Commander Lee recessed the Convention for 20 minutes 11:30AM**
- **Commander Lee reconvened the Convention 11:50AM**

4.00 NEW BUSINESS

4.01 American Legion Convention Chairman Gardner stated that this convention has been 2 years in the making. I would like to thank your convention committee for all their work, help and support.

4.02 American Legion Commander LaMarsh thanked us for electing Commander Lee. It has been a pleasure traveling with him. I could have asked for a better person.

- **Jefferson County moved to close the Convention for the purpose of Election of Officers. The motion was seconded and carried.**

ELECTION OF Officers

- **Commander Lee appointed 3 tellers.**

- 4.03** Adjutant Jarvis opened the nominations for Chaplain by Roll Call of Counties. Wayne County Nominates Jim Parks. **There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Saratoga County and seconded to close the nominations and direct the Adjutant to cast one unanimous ballot for Jim Parks for Chaplain was carried.**

- 4.04** Adjutant Jarvis opened the nominations for Historian by Roll Call of Counties. Rockland County nominated Clarence Bosford. **There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Warren County and seconded to close the nominations and direct the Adjutant to cast one unanimous ballot for Clarence Bosford as Historian was carried.**

- 4.05** Adjutant Jarvis opened the nominations for Vice Commander by Roll Call of Counties. Rockland County nominated Joseph Guidice Jr. Suffolk County nominated Joseph Belanger, Warren County nominated Herman Downer Jr. Oswego County nominated Shawn Mills, Alleghany County nominated Dale Kane. **There being no further nominations, a motion made by Saratoga County and seconded to close the nominations and direct the Adjutant to cast one unanimous ballot for Joseph Belanger, Herman Downer Jr., Shawn Mills Dale Kane, and Joe Guidice as Vice Commanders, was carried.**

- 4.06** Adjutant Jarvis opened the nominations for Commander by Roll Call of Counties. Erie County nominated Timothy Van Patten II. **There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Steuban County and seconded to close the nominations and direct the Adjutant to cast one unanimous ballot for Timothy Van Patten II as Commander was carried.**

5.00 FOR THE GOOD OF THE SONS

- 5.01** The Joseph Santa Croce service to veteran's award has been presented to Jesse Figueroa.

- 5.02** The Sons of The American Legion Member of the year has been presented to Vincent Guardino.

- 5.03** **Ontario County moved to support Chris Calton for the office of National Commander Sons of The American Legion. The motion is seconded and carried.**

- 5.04** **Onieda County moved to support Ernie Laberge for the office of National Vice Commander. The motion is seconded and carried.**

- 5.05** Web Master Cinquegrana thanked everyone for there support of this year's Walk-A-Thon.
 - There being no further business to come before the Convention, Chaplain Parks offered the Closing Prayer, the Sgt.-at-Arms retrieved the POW/MIA banner, and the membership saluted the Colors of our glorious Nation as they were retrieved by the Detachment Color Guard.

 - The Convention was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Raymond J. Jarvis
Detachment Adjutant

MINUTES OF THE POST-CONVENTION D.E.C. MEETING

July 16, 2022

Quality Inn Hotel

Binghamton, New York

- Commander Van Patten called the Meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
- The Colors of our Nation being in place the membership saluted.
- Chaplain Parks offered the Opening Prayer.
- Master Sgt.-at-Arms Falco placed the POW/MIA banner.
- V/C Guidice led the membership in The Pledge of Allegiance.
- V/C DeAngelis led the membership in the Preamble.

- **Adjutant Jarvis** took Roll Call, which indicated a quorum was present.
 - Convention Chairman Denmon has asked for help picking up the flags at the cemetery.
 - Eric Emerick presented a donation of \$1019.00 to the CWF.

1.00 SICK CALL & RELIEF

1.01 None

2.00 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2.01 None

3.00 NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.01 **Historian Bosford moved to reimburse all sons delegates at the National Convention in Milwaukee \$300 for staying and attending the Election of Vincent J. Triola to the office of National Commander.** The motion is seconded and carried.
- 3.02 Commander Van Patten explained that the anchor on the pin is for his father's service. The light shining on the Sons emblem represents the need that we need to communicated better about all facets of the organization.
- 3.03 **Commander Van Patten** announced that his project will be the Operation Comfort Warriors and the Civil Air Patrol. There is a line item in the state budget for the Civil Air Patrol. The Civil Air Patrol still has to raise funds for it flights as they are not covered in the budget.
- 3.04 **Commander Van Patten** read his list of appointments: See the directory for all the appointments.
V/C Downer moved approve all the Commander's appointments, which was seconded and carried.
- 3.05 Commander Van Patten announced the fall meeting will be held on October 15, 2022, at the Alfred J. Jurek Post 1677 Swormville NY. More information to follow.

5.00 FOR THE GOOD OF THE SONS

- 5.01 As the Directory will not be posted on the website, it will be emailed to everyone on the directory.
- 5.02 The MTD Committee needs two names from each district for the Leadership Class and names of those who wish to attend the Adjutants Class.
- 5.03 The Finance Commission has finance packets for all the new Detachment and District Officers.
- 5.04 The 8th District golf tournament will be held in Wellsville on September 10.
- 5.05 ANEC George thanked Gabe Cinquegrana all the work he does on the keeping the web site up and running.
- 5.06 The American Legion Collage will be held at SUNY Morrisville June 2-3 and the cost will be \$250.00.
- 5.07 The webmaster has asked that you make sure that the information you are posting accurate.
- 5.08 **2nd District Commander Figueroa move to purchase Son's Emblem and Flag Car Magnets for the commander's car. The motion was seconded and carried.**

- 5.09** Leading Canidated Chris Carlton thanked the Members for the invitation to attend the Convention. I had a great time and keep up the good work.
- 5.10** V/C DeAngelis thank the Detachment for the Condolences card after his Brothers Passing.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, Chaplain Parks offered the Closing Prayer, Master Sgt.-at-Arms Falco retrieved the POW/MIA banner, and the membership saluted the Colors of our glorious Nation.

- The Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Raymond J. Jarvis".

Raymond Jarvis
Adjutant